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Docket No. 265.00400101

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| Applicant(s):     | Braun et al.   | ) | Group Art Unit: | 1631      |
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| Serial No.:       | 10/817,530   | ) | Examiner:       | Lori Clow |
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| Filed:            | April 2, 2004  | ) |                 |           |
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| For:              | <u>PHYSICAL-CHEMICAL PROPERTY BASED SEQUENCE MOTIFS AND METHODS REGARDING SAME</u> |   |                 |           |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to taking up the above-identified application for examination, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on the page entitled "Amendments to the Specification."

Remarks begin on the page entitled "Remarks."